Llandudno, Wales

Mark, Florence (?)

[John Mark's daughter (?)]

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.]

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[Written from a "fashionable watering place" in Wales]

No envelope.

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Arfonia
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Llandudno.

My dear Harry.
Your long and interesting letter was forwarded to us from Manchester. It is very good of you to have found time to write to us during all your work, and travelling. You seem to be having a very good time, I hope our weather is favouring you as we are having anything but, which is very disappointing when one is having one's holiday. You are very kind to offer yourself as escort for a tour to Paris, but I fancy father will consider he has had enough expense already in our present day. There is so very much to see that is grand and beautiful in both France and Germany that I am sure you must be having

a glorious time and indeed your letter tells me as much. As for this place it is of course only one of the fashionable "watering places" and everyone does the same instead thing pier and band in the morning and in the afternoon Carry one goes up to a kind of field on the side of a hill called the "Happy Valley" to meet their friends and watch the Niggers who give a very good songs and entertainments. The weather has been frightful rain nearly everyday which is dreadfully miserable. Just opposite this house there is a tennis ground, but Maud and Fred have played on it and do not seem to consider it worth a repetition, they have also been out yachting three or four times and enjoyed very much but succeeded in making our friend they took with them dreadfully ill sea-sick much to

the wretched manner disgusted as you may be sure Edward and Fred laughed at him to their hearts content I do not think the visit has done much good for Walter she has been so bothered about servants as the cook we brought became ill after being here a week and had to be sent home. so it was rather an upset. I hope your mother keeps better and that the change of air will really benefit her. I have no doubt you have lots of pretty and ~~curious things~~ interesting things after your tour abroad We expect to leave here on Thursday week so as to be home in time to see Father off to America. We were very sorry to hear the fate of your pictures. we took great interest in hearing about it. The fountain you describe at the Paris Exhibition is the same as that which we had at

our Manchester Exhibition it is very fine and is worked by a Manchester firm, Boiler-Galloway's- they are called. They are a large firm of Boiler makers, and manage the fountains at the London exhibitions also but they were not so good as ours. I suppose the pictures are very lovely

Sunday 25th.

I have not been able to send this letter off before, of course our spirits about all ours is over out, and there is to be done every day, but the weather these last few days has been most disappointing. I suppose you have heard Father has been formally asked to become Mayor for the next year so he will have a very busy Time on his return from America, and a very hurried one I fear.

With love from all

Believe me Sincerely yours
Florence Mark.